

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-15 and 17, drawn to compounds of Formula I;

Group II, claim 16, drawn to a method of making compounds of Formula I;

Group III, claims 18-23, drawn to a method of use of compounds of Formula I; and

Group IV, claims 24 and 25, drawn to an apparatus or device which uses the method of Group III.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-15 and 17. More specifically, the Examiner should follow Rule 475 and at least consider all of the claims of Groups I – III at the same time. Further, there does not appear to be a Unity of Invention issue in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability. Accordingly, the Examiner's position does not appear to be either technically or legally correct.

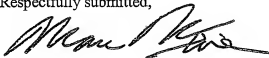
Finally, Applicants elect the compound of formula (2) in claim 14. All claims read on the elected species.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner, Registration No. 32,181 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,



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